Changes In Aides Listed

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President Ford, in the first major personnel shake-up of his administration, confirmed last night that he is replacing Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger, Central Intelligence Agency Director William E. Colby and clipping the national security powers of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

They will be succeeded by the President's aide and confidant Donald Rumsfeld in the Defense position, U.S. envoy to Peking George Bush as CIA director, Mr. Ford said in a televised news conference. Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft was moved up to replace Kissinger as special assistant for national security affairs.

The President's public announcement of the changes followed an extraordinary two days of rumors and leaks about the changes.

In addition to the above announcements Mr. Ford said he was naming Elliot L. Richardson, U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James's to succeed Commerce Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton. He will also replace Rumsfeld with Richard Cheney, now the White House deputy chief of staff.

"These are my guys and the ones I wanted and I hope the confirmation will be quick in the United States Senate," the President said.

"I did it totally on my own," the President insisted. "It was my decision. I fitted the pieces together and they fitted perfectly."

But the President repeatedly ducked the question of what differences existed between himself and Secretary Schlesinger to justify replacing him 15 months into the administration and almost exactly a year before the election.

"There were no basic differences," the President said at one point. "I wanted a team that I selected. As President I wanted them on an affirmative basis."

Even before last night's announcement it was widely speculated that Schlesinger, who disagreed with Kissinger on fundamental issues of detente and strategic arms policy, was let go at the insistence of the Secretary of State.

ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON
...choice for Commerce

ROGERS C. B. MORTON
...leaving Cabinet